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In response to the Office Action of October 9, 2007, kindly amend the above-captioned application without prejudice as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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